



Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Re: Barry Wood dba KRGOLLC
KMRI(AM), West Valley City, UT
Fac. ID No.: 25405
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Applicant:

This is in reference to the request filed February 24, 2023, on behalf of KRGOLLC ("KL"). KL requests special temporary authority ("STA") to operate station KMRI(AM) with a temporary antenna from its licensed site location.¹

In support of the request, KL states that it hasn't been able to erect the tall antenna tower that will replace the tower that fell down and was destroyed in the Magna earthquake. Progress is being made toward acquisition of a completely new permanent antenna tower structure. However, the new tower cannot be installed prior to the expiration of the one-year period since KMRI(AM) was last on the air. Most recently, the station went silent on March 8, 2022 and thus the station must resume broadcast operations by 12:01 a.m., March 9, 2023 or its license will expire as a matter of law. Therefore, the station is requesting STA to resume broadcast operations.

Specifically, KMRI(AM) requests STA to operate daytime only with a 24-foot top loaded vertical antenna mounted on the pre-existing tower base at the licensed antenna and transmitter site. Operation is requested with a reduced power of 1 kilowatt.

Accordingly, the request for STA is GRANTED. Station KMRI(AM) may operate with the following facilities:

Geographic coordinates	40° 43' 16" N, 112° 02' 29" W (NAD 1927)
Frequency	1550 kHz
Hours of operation	Daytime
Operating power	1 kilowatt (Daytime)
Antenna type	24-foot top loaded vertical antenna

It will be necessary to further reduce power or cease operation if complaints of interference are

¹ KMRI(AM) is licensed for operation on 1550 kHz with a daytime power of 10 kilowatts and a nighttime power of 0.34 kilowatt, employing different directional antenna patterns (DA2-U).

received. KMRI(AM) must notify the Commission when licensed operation is restored. KMRI(AM) must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. *See* 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **August 28, 2023**.

Notwithstanding the grant of this STA or the expiration date specified herein, the station's license will expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not commence by 12:01 a.m., March 9, 2023. *See* Pub. Law No. 104-104, 110 Stat. 56, Section 403(1)(1996) and *Order, Silent Station Authorizations*, FCC 96-218 (released May 17, 1996). *See also Public Notice, Expedited Processing of Applications Filed by Silent Stations*, DA 96-818 (May 22, 1996). The licensee must notify the Audio Division immediately upon resumption of broadcasting.

STA Advisory: Section 309(f) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, authorizes the Commission to grant STA in cases of "extraordinary circumstances requiring temporary authorizations in the public interest and when delay in the institution of the temporary operations would seriously prejudice the public interest." However, Section 309(f) is not a means by which a licensee/permittee may circumvent established processing procedures which require the filing of an application, nor is it a means by which a broadcaster may enhance his facility or make operation more convenient for the broadcaster. Stations operating with less than licensed facilities under temporary authorities can be viewed as receiving the benefit of a larger protection area than that in which they are currently providing service.

Accordingly, Special Temporary Authorities by nature are to be temporary and are not intended for extended use. Licensees of stations operating under temporary authorities are reminded that timely restoration of permanent facilities is the responsibility of the licensee and should be undertaken expeditiously. Any request for extension of special temporary authorities carries an increased burden with each subsequent request.

Therefore, requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or

- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jerome J. Manarchuck". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerome" and last name "Manarchuck" clearly legible.

Jerome J. Manarchuck
Audio Division
Media Bureau

cc: Barry D. Wood, Esq. (via email only)